

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.

Office Action Rejections Summary

Claims 33-43 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Claims 11-32 have been allowed.

Status of Claims

Claims 11-32 are pending in the application. Claims 33-43 have been canceled, without prejudice. No claims have been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 11-32 have been allowed.

Claims 33-43 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Office Action's assertions and submit that the claims 33-34 comply with the written description requirement of 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Nevertheless, in order to expedite issuance of the allowed claims, applicants are canceling claims 33-43 but reserve the right to continue prosecution of claims 33-43 in a continuation patent application.

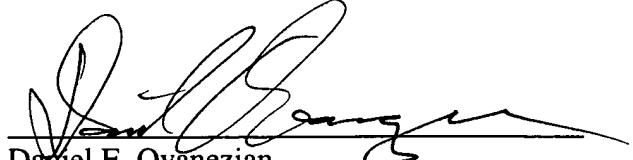
In conclusion, applicants respectfully submit that in view of the amendments set forth herein, the applicable rejections have been overcome.

If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Daniel Ovanezian at (408) 720-8300.

If there are any additional charges, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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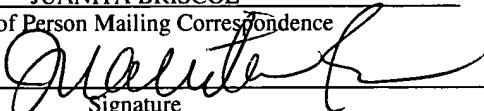

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